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LETTER CLAIMING RIGHT OF PRIORITY

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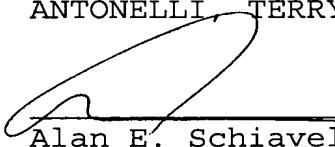
Sir:

Under the provisions of 35 USC 119 and 37 CFR 1.55, the applicant(s) hereby claim(s) the right of priority based on French Patent Application No.(s) 98/16413 filed December 23, 1998.

A certified copy of said French Application is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION

Patent No. 3,602,174 Dated August 31, 1971

Inventor(s) Francis T. Gorman

It is certified that error appears in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent are hereby corrected as shown below:

Column 4:

Claim 7 - Delete the period at end of Claim 7 and insert the following lines which were omitted in error.

"means and said riser so that some of the weight of said weight means is carried by the riser to cause the lifting of said weight means against the force of gravity when said riser moves laterally away from any of said mooring lines."

Signed and sealed this 21st day of March 1972.

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